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1. (Amended) A sports racket, comprising;

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a frame defining a rounded opening of predetermined shape with a vertical axis
and a horizontal axis;

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a handle secured to the frame and lying at least substantially along the vertical
axis; and strings supported by the frame and suspended within said
opening, said strings being arranged in two parallel, interwoven groups,
wherein strings of the first group intersect a reference line parallel to the
horizontal axis at an angle of about 49-60 degrees above said reference
line and strings of the second group intersect the reference line at an angle
of about 49-60 degrees below the reference line, the frame and strings are
in a non-distorted state, the intersection angle is selected to completely
eliminate distortion.

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2. The sports racket according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is an oval
and said intersection angles are between 51-58 degrees.

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3. The sports racket according to claim 2, wherein said intersection angles are about 53
degrees.

4. The sports racket according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined shape is a circle and said intersection angles are about 60 degrees.

5. The sports racket according to claim 1, wherein the spacing between adjacent parallel
5 strings is between about 0.25 to 0.75 inches.

6. The sports racket according to claim 5, wherein the spacing between adjacent parallel strings is about 0.375 inches.

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~~8. The racket according to claim 1, wherein every other string is tensioned.~~

9. A sports racket, comprising:

15 a frame defining an oval opening of predetermined dimensions with a vertical axis oriented along the elongated dimension and a perpendicular horizontal axis;
a handle secured to the frame and lying at least substantially along the vertical axis; and strings supported by the frame and suspended within said opening, said strings being arranged in two parallel intersecting groups with adjacent strings
20 spaced apart by approximately 0.25 and 0.75 inches and wherein strings of the first group intersect a reference line and strings of the second group intersect the reference line at an angle of about 51-58 degrees below the reference line, said

intersection angles below the reference line, said intersection angles being selected to minimize distortion of said predetermined dimensions.

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15. (Amended) A sports racket, comprising;

10 a frame defining a rounded opening of predetermined shape with a vertical axis and a horizontal axis;

a handle secured to the frame and lying at least substantially along the vertical axis; and strings supported by the frame and suspended within said opening, said strings being arranged in two parallel, interwoven groups, wherein strings of the first group intersect a reference line parallel to the horizontal axis at an angle of about 49-60 degrees above said reference line and strings of the second group intersect the reference line at an angle of about 49-60 degrees below the reference line, with said strings having been restrung and re-tensioned in order to achieve said angular relationships, the frame and strings are in a non-distorted state, whereby the frame is not distorted.

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